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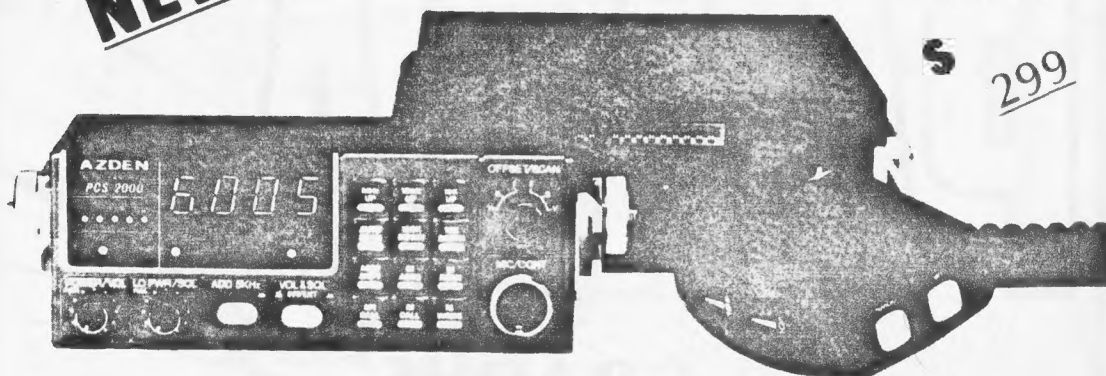
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FRIDAY

7:30 P.M.

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ADVANCES IN POWER SUPPLY TECHNOLOGY

by

Gerry Tucker, WA6LNV

A discussion of switching power supply technique in the development of the next generation of power supplies for high voltage applications.

Circle the Date

June 6, 1980

Future Meetings: July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3

Field Day June 28-29. Work Crew June 27 (Friday).

PAST CORNER: The May 2 meeting started at 1930 ± 5 and was attended by sixty hearty souls which included nine guests and, or, visitors.

Irene, WB6RAF, gave a treasurers' report, Bob, K6SEM, distributed Club badges to those who were available, Jock, N6YV, reported on the rainy day picnic that was enjoyed by 30 or so. Alan, WA6AZP, reported the May 10 Scout-O-Rama was well planned and that help would be needed to raise the 66 foot tower they plan to use. Fred, K6YT, suggested if possible, those who expect to raise the tower at Field Day be present to become acquainted with our newest acquisition in Field Day amusement. He also hoped any who could, be available for pre-Field Day activity—including several weekends prior to the June 27 countdown start—and to let him or SEM know the periods of availability.

A letter regarding TVI, not caused by a member, was given PAARA for reconciliation. A committee was appointed with Steve, K6FS, as chairman, with the hope that Bill, W6DVB, could resolve the problem or negotiate a reasonable settlement.

Eric, W6DU, thanked the crew that helped him put up his new antenna. He immediately added two new countries to his compounded DXCC group. Dave KB6WP, reported on the communications for the 200 KM bike ride from San Jose to Livermore via Mount Hamilton by about 350 cyclists. Reportedly there were no communications or physical problems. Remarkable.

Jerry, WA6LIJ, was encouraged to report on the EMARC Flea Market and then Gerry, W6NIR, gave the near and far (time and place) Flea Market picture ending with the PAARA extravaganza in October.

Swede, N6CHL, reported a source of conversion kits for CB rigs to 10 meter SSB and invited any interested to contact him.

Jerry, LIJ, gave a report on malicious interference and presented a petition to the FCC for signature. Gene, WB6000, asked for help in the Menlo Park City Council Chambers May 27 at 7:30 p.m. to plea against his neighbors demands that he remove his station from the neighborhood.

And all that didn't take much longer than it did to write. Eyeball QSO's followed with coffee, hot chocolate and cookies led to Bob Thompsons, K6SSJ, presentation of a detailed analysis of four recent addition to amateur radio equipment, and described what some DX-Club members had done to overcome some of the deficiencies.

Intermodulation problems and their solution in 2-meter repeaters was discussed using some of the HF equipment improvement methods.

Bob reported that a comprehensive examination of the new Collins, Ten-Tec Omni D and the Astro 102 had been made but the tabular format has not

yet been made available.

Somehow the story got back to TVI. Bob reported an incident during a DX contest where the offending ham got his crew together, went to his neighbor: "Look," he says, "I've got all this help and we're going to lick your TVI and work all day and all night to do it". During their "breaks" a member of the crew would go next door and look at the TVI. The lady was so impressed with their concern she fixed coffee, cookies, sandwiches and cake to keep "those hard-working, dedicated young men" going.

A raffle of manuals, tools and equipment followed. By 2200±5, rooms 15 and 17 had emptied with some continuing their interrupted eyeball QSO's across the tracks to that little place on the corner where there are tables and benches for fun people.

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BOARD CORNER: It started a little late but once going, was spirited. Bob, K6SEM and Eric, W6DU, stopped by Fred's, K6YT, place to help load the 60+ foot tower on a trailer for the Scout-O-Rama. But the meeting did take place May 7.

The Club trailer was almost full. Bob, Chairman, Eric, V.P. of PAARA, Ed, W6AIN, Gerry, W6NIR, Jock, N6YV, Irene, WB6RAF, Shannon, K6TNY, Gerry, WA6LNV, Steve, K6FS, Swede, N6CHL, Bill, N6CHI and Terry, N6RY, were present.

There was no report from the secretary but assorted papers and mail were distributed by those who periodically check the P.O. Box (mainly Irene).

Six reddotters got caught up on dues and because Bob, W6BFH, didn't remember to dot all lax members, another "red dot" issue is expected in June.

Shannon, TNY) reported on progress with the 2.5kw generator that belongs with the trailer. He was happier the day before when he got it working than he was at the meeting—now he has 155vac where he'd like 120±5.

Bob, SEM, called ARRL headquarters for clarification of Field Day rules and feels he has them well in mind. His questions and comments to ARRL stirred interest at headquarters and now he has the job of writing them down for consideration in future contest rule changes. Fred, YT, Bob, SEM, Eric, DU and Gerry, NIR, did considerable research before SEM's call.

A Field Day Committee meeting May 5 had most of the logistics for FD solved except for a dedicated Novice group. (f t)

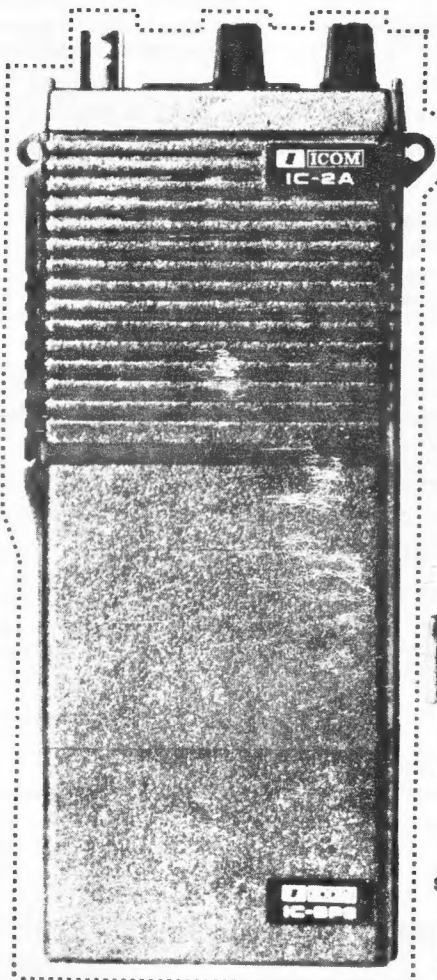
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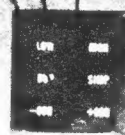
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Eric, W6DU, reported that Gerry, WA6INV, would like to speak at the June meeting. Eric commented he'd like some help for the July and August programs. Anyone that can give Eric a bit of help should contact him.

A discussion followed, assessing the relative merits of various kinds of program material...

PUBLIC RELATIONS CORNER: Visitors and guests at the May meeting were in greater number than, except for an occasion or two, ever before. Jim Hayes (NC) and Maury Harp, W6KJG, came from Belmont; Teresa King from San Carlos; Joe Lutz, WB8EAS, from Foster City; John Gordano, K6JJU, and Kurt Feiler, NC, from Redwood City; Beryl Root, NC, and Ron Pantan, W6VG, from Menlo Park, and Allen Takasuka, N6CCK, from Mountain View were scattered among friends and strangers. To all a warm welcome and we hope to see you at the June meeting. For the first-time visitor: your face will be more familiar then.

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UPGRADE CORNER: Charolette Conboy is now KA6KKD and groping for the 1x3 call so she can get on 2 to talk to the OM, Terry, N6RY. Congratulations, Charolette.

No other activity has been reported--- maybe there is a little less radio activity in the spring-time.

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HELPING HAND CORNER: With Doug, KA5DQR/MM calling on one end of the band, and Bob, W6BFH, listening on the other, Perry, N6CHD, somehow got the two together, interrupting a QSO with a ZL to do it.



"I've gotten a dozen offers for the farm since I built it."

HAM HUM

April 1980

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PUBLIC SERVICE CORNER: Several members of PAARA teamed with members of Golden State Sidebanders recently to provide emergency communications for Lockheed's PEDALERA 200 KM Mt. Hamilton Bike-a-thon. Swede, N6CHL, provided base communication at the LERA building in Sunnyvale while Dave, KB6WP, supported checkpoint 3 in Pleasanton.

Morning hours utilized simplex frequency 147.45 from checkpoint 1 on top of Mt. Hamilton, manned by Golden Staters John, KA6FEX to base station Paul, KA6IDB. Afternoon support and coverage of checkpoint 2 with Steve, KA6ETB, Dave and Sweed required the use of the EUZ Mt. Diablo repeater.

The Lockheed Club appreciated our help and awarded workers with mileage expenses, jacket patches and free beer and pizza at the Rip-Off. Those that participated are looking forward to next year's annual event and bash.

Dave, KB6WP.

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K6OTR CORNER: The South County Amateur Radio Service Club, nominal licensee of K6OTR, has found a new location at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 745 Waverly St. Palo Alto. Jim Hartwell, K7UDG, a PAARA member, has been appointed the new station trustee. Licensed members of PAARA's Explorer Post 599 will operate and maintain the station.

Thus K6OTR, a venerable call sign in existence for the past 25 years, will not be allowed to die. Thanks to the Explorers and PAARA, K6OTR will have a new lease on life.

Loren, WA6ENC.

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CONSTRUCTION CORNER: "How to Make an Extremely Sensitive Galvanoscope:

"Procure a glass vessel with as thin walls as possible. The shape should be preferably as per cut. If this cannot be had, a vessel with straight walls will do.

"Next get a piece of barometer glass tubing with fairly thin walls, not thicker than 1/32". The bore should be about 1/16". Supply houses usually carry such tubes.

"Bend the tubing in an alcohol flame to a right angle. Draw the shorter piece out to a fine point by means of alcohol or other hot flame. Break off the point so as to leave an extremely fine opening in the tube (see figure). This aperture should be so fine that it cannot be distinguished by the naked eye. (pg. 9)

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results . . . W6CZS ● I believe I have "sold" your antenna to almost every ham I have talked to . . . W4AHN ● Its performance
here far surpasses any other antenna that I have had . . . WA5GGS ● For several years I have used the Mor-Gain and have been
very satisfied . . . K2TSD ● Am letting everybody know that it has been doing a good job for me . . . VE2VW ● The antenna is
performing just beautifully . . . W8WDZ/6 ● My 75-40 has performed beautifully and I'm very happy with it . . . WB8DMB
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75-10 HD(S/P)	75/40/20/15/10	66	\$94.25
75-10 HD(S/P)A	75/40/20/15/10	66	\$99.50
75-20 HD	75/40/20	66	\$80.25
75-20 HD/A	75/40/20	66	\$85.50
75-20 HD(S/P)	75/40/20	66	\$80.25
75-20 HD(S/P)A	75/40/20	66	\$85.50
75-40 HD	75/40	66	\$68.00
75-40 HD/A	75/40	66	\$73.25
75-40 HD(S/P)	75/40	66	\$68.00
75-40 HD(S/P)A	75/40	66	\$73.25
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The above from a 1906 "Modern Electronics" magazine, supplied indirectly by Erv, W6YPM,

There must be a moral to the story. If the average amateur of today lived 75 years ago knowing what he does—what a whiz he'd be! Hugo Gernsback, the author of the Galvanoscope article, kept on developing simple replacements for expensive equipment through much of his life. The articles became more and more corny as the readers' mind developed and his own equipment became more sophisticated, but there was always a young and curious mind he reached.

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NOT SO "OLDEN" CORNER: Ten years ago PAARA was preparing for Field Day. Operating from the Club trailer in the Menlo Park Civic Center, only a few calls are still recognized: VE3PZK, W6WQD, W6AQL, W6BFH, W6AIN, W6AKR, W6OPA, W6DEF, W6TFT, W6LLJ, W6ISQ, W6FLE, K6RB.

The equipment sounds as antiquated as the Galvanoscope. A Gonset Communicator, a Viking II, and Andy's mobile rig.

Word was to arrive a 9 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start.

The program consisted of a movie "The Ham's Wide World" and it was reported Dr. Phillpott showed slides of Lunar soil and its analysis under white light and under various light wavelengths.

New members were elected to PAARA and included Bob, W6WQD, Ken, K6RB, Bob, W6BFH, Fred, W6OWF (now K6YT), Lee, W6BBJB and Ken, K6GDH.

Ten big pages—including the first of a series that was to end in all Club members having identical 2-meter rigs.

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THE FIVE YEAR CORNER: Articles, comments, projects, station news, exciting events, or other good gonk was sent to Rick, WA6NCX, Editor.

A two line announcement of Field Day suggests it was either well prepared for or nothing had yet been done.

Jack Miller gave a talk on R.C.A. Land Mobile Radio Equipment, complete with samples of gear "for drooling over".

Jerry, WA6LLJ, got a certificate from ARRL for garnering 39732 points and Fred, K6YT, got the CW award for 26660 points, first place in PAARA's part of the competition, for Sweepstakes

Terry, WB6GRZ, (now N6RY) had a construction article for a bazooka antenna for wide bandwidth on 80 meters; Jerry, WA6LLJ, had a H. G. article on HAM TINKER-NEERING.

The back cover had an ad from QUEMENTS.

GCRC CORNER (abridged)

COMING EVENTS IN HAM RADIO

- June 10 SCCARA Flea Market 8:00 AM
Quement's parking lot, S. J.
- June 14-15 ARRL VHF Contest
- June 28-29 FIELD DAY
- July 25-27 1980 ARRL National Convention
Seattle, Washington
- Aug. 2- 3 ARRL UHF Contest
- Aug. 30- ARRL Pacific Division
Sept. 1 Convention, San Jose
- Sept. 5- 7 ARRL Southwestern Division
Convention, Los Angeles
- Sept. 13 FARS Flea Market
- Sept. 13-14 ARRL VHF Contest
- Oct. 4- 5 California QSO Party

LAST OF A KIND CORNER? The following construction article has quite a history.

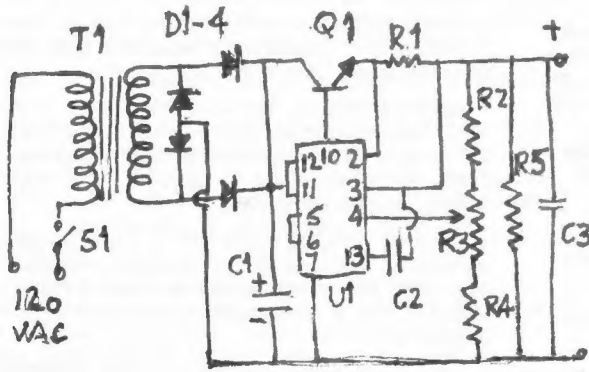
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All but T1 and C1 are available at your friendly Tandy Co. outlet which is better known as Radio-Shack. You may be lucky enough to find either of those two parts in your junk box or the usual Electronic Parts outlet. Radio Shack parts numbers are included for your convenience.

The January 1978 issue of 73 includes an article on page 70 entitled "New Life for Old Transformers". The author explains how to rewind a transformer to give you the voltage and current you desire for a power supply.



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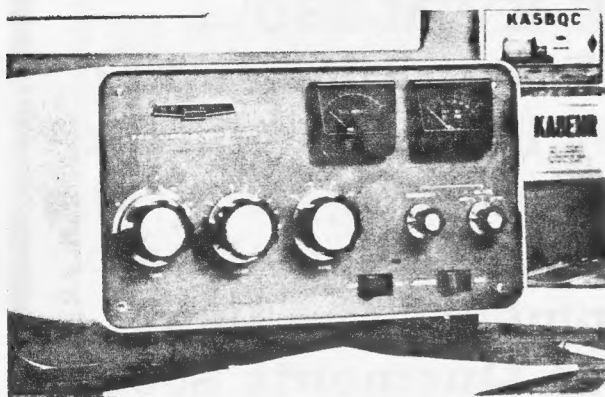
I rewound an old tube type TV transformer with #10 varnish covered wire and my supply will give me 12 amps. continuous. I use it for my work bench and have a regular size 10K pot on the front panel to control the voltage output from 8 to 24 volts. My next project is to put a voltmeter and an ammeter on the front panel.

K6ZJL, Brock

From: The Communicator, September, 1979
The Repeater, Twin Cities Repeater Club, January 1980
The Repeater, Grizzly Peak VHF Amateur Radio Club (your editor believes)

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SB-221 SPECIFICATIONS. Band coverage: 80, 40, 20 & 15 meters. Max. power input: SSB, 2000 W. PEP; CW, 1000 W. RTTY, 1000 W. Driving power: 100 W. Duty cycle: SSB, Continuous voice modulation; CW, Continuous (max. key-down 10 min.); RTTY, 50% (max. transmit time 10 min.). Third order distortion: -30 dB or better. Input impedance: 52 Ω unbal. Output impedance: 50 Ω unbal. SWR: 2:1 or less. Front panel controls: Tune, Load, Band, Sensitivity Meter Switch, Power, CW Tune—SSB, Plate meter, Multi-meter (Grid mA, Rel. Power, High Voltage). Rear panel: Line cord, circuit breakers (two 10 A), Antenna Relay (phone, ALC (phone), RF Input (SO-239), Ground post, RF Output (SO-239). Tubes: Two Eimac 3-500Z. Power req.: 120 VAC, 50-60 Hz @ 20 amp. max. 240 VAC, 50-60 Hz @ 10 amp. max. Cabinet size: 8 1/4" H x 14 7/8" W x 14 1/2" D.

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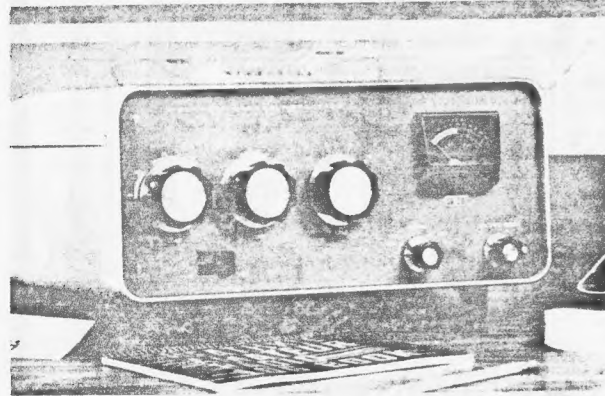
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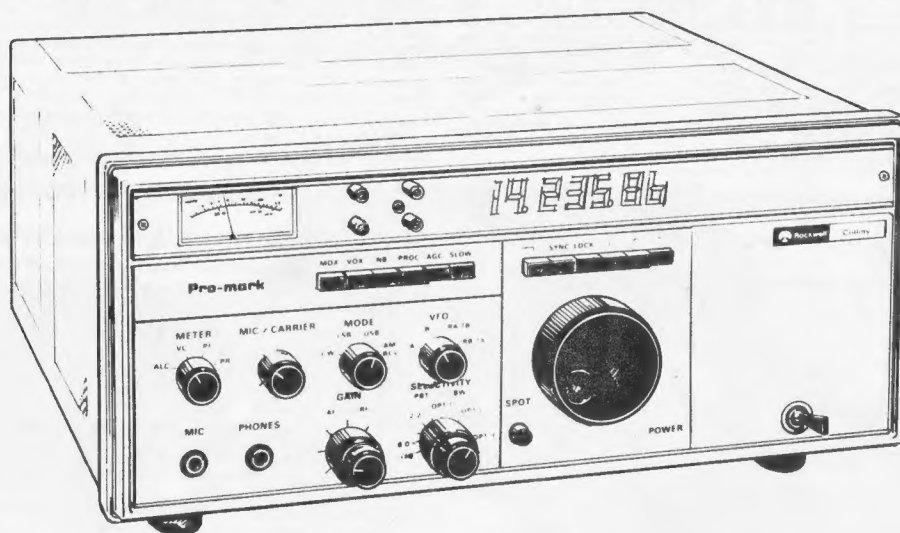
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